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SUBJ: ECE - GAS COMMITTEE - CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET

PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENERGY,

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

1. AT OPENING SESSION OF GAS COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 24, SOVIET DELEGATION SPOKE OF NEED TO "RENDER MORE ACTIVE" INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN VARIOUS ENERGY FIELDS SUCH AS CONSERVATION OF NATURAL GAS. HE TIED THIS NEED FOR GREATER IMPETUS TO ENERGY PROJECTS TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT. HUNGARY, BYELORUSSIA, GDR, BULGARIA, POLAND AND ROMANIA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY CONGRESS.

2. GDR MENTIONED FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE AREAS IN WHICH PROPOSED ENERGY CONGRESS COULD CONCENTRATE:

A. OPTIMUM USE OF NATIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES

B. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ASSURING ADEQUATE ENERGY SUPPLIES

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C. JOINT SEARCH FOR NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY

D. DIMINISHED EXPENSES IN TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND UTILIZATION OF GAS

E. TECHNICAL AND ECONOMICAL ASPECTS OF LARGE-DIAMETER GAS TRANSPORT

F. SAFE STORAGE OF NATURAL GAS

G. EXPLOITATION OF GAS DEPOSITS

POLAND MENTIONED THE EXTRACTION OF GAS FROM COAL AS A SUBJECT FOR PROPOSED ENERGY CONGRESS.

3. UK SPEAKING FOR EC-9 SAID THAT EC-9 VIEWS WELL KNOWN FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS IN RECENT CHEMICAL, TIMBER AND STEEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, I.E., THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY GAS COMMITTEE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME IS NOT APPROPRIATE. UK ADDED THAT RESOLUTION I AND DECISION D OF XXXI SESSION ARE THE PERTINENT GUIDELINES FOR ECE IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT. US GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO VIEW OF EC-9 AND REFERRED TO OUR DETAILED STATEMENT IN STEEL COMMITTEE CONTAINED IN ECE/STEEL/16.

4. JANSSENS, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY DIVISION, STATED THAT ALL VIEWS WOULD BE CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE REPORT. HE ADDED THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK'S REPORT ON THE WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY IN ECE ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT IS NEARING COMPLETION.CATTO

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